

Using 3rd Party Materials:

Please familiarize yourself with the [Springer Nature Guide to Copyright and Permissions](#) , which contains advice on including third-party content or material you created and published elsewhere in your manuscript. Third-party content is defined as any material within the manuscript that is not your original work. Third party content may consist of text passages, figures, photos, poems, song lyrics, screenshots, etc. and be found in many places such as, but not limited to, the Internet, print and online books and articles, theses, annual reports, conference material, photocopies, course packages, and translations. In particular, you should pay close attention to sensitive images containing identifiable persons, logos, brands/trademarks, images from agencies, or from the Internet as well as text content such as song lyrics, poems, interviews, social media content and references to commercial entities.

To obtain permission to use third-party material in the manuscript visit the Rights Holder website or

[Copyright Clearance Center Marketplace](#) . If the material is not found, please exert your best efforts to use our [Permissions Request Form](#) and/or [Release Request Form](#) (to obtain permission from interviewees or other identifiable individuals or the owners of identifiable property in source material) for your request. If the rights-holder issues their own form, please ensure that the document they provide includes all Required Rights listed in the ‘Guide to Obtaining Permissions’ section in our [Springer Nature Third Party Permissions Guidelines](#) .

It’s a good idea to begin the permissions-clearing process as early as possible, to avoid delays to the publishing process. You may also need to negotiate with rightsholders if they do not meet our requirements. It is crucial that the rights you obtain are sufficient to cover the rights you have granted to us as publisher under your publishing agreement.

Springer Nature is committed to upholding the integrity of the scientific record, and as a member follows the [Committee on Publication Ethics \(COPE\) guidelines](#) on how to deal with potential acts of misconduct. It is therefore important that the work you submit has been carried out in line with international standards for responsible research publication. We advise you to visit and review our [Book Publishing Policies and Guidelines](#) to adhere to the publishing standards before submitting your manuscript.